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BANKS BEER ON BOARD WITH DOMINO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ten countries, including three newcomers, have already confirmed their participation in the Banks Beer-sponsored *Domino World Championships*, set for August 14 to 24 at the Barbados Beach Club.

Spanish-speaking power Puerto Rico is set to headline the largest field in tournament history as Barbados prepares to defend its coveted world title. According to senior members of the World Council of Domino Federations (WCDF), at least 12 competing countries are expected to participate in the weeklong tournament.

“We have always had six countries competing before, so to get ten countries is a fantastic achievement in itself. We’re hoping that this is the first step in something that we’ve planned for a while, and that is trying to get as many countries coming together in one place,” said WCDF president Dudley Harris as reported by the *Nation Newspaper*.

St. Martin will join Montserrat and Puerto Rico as the newcomers to the competition, while St. Vincent and St. Kitts are set to make their return following ten and 16-year hiatuses, respectively.

The United States, Canada, Guyana, Antigua, St. Lucia and Anguilla will round out the field, while the WCDF still awaits confirmation from a contingent from St. Eustatius. Puerto Rico will also be the first Spanish-speaking country to participate in the Championships.

Barbados, eight-time champions, are currently in the process of choosing a 38-member team to defend not only their overall title, but multiple disciplines as well.

In 2014, the blue and gold slammers finished with 26 points after successfully defending their mixed pairs, team four-hand and female pairs titles to add to victories in the male pairs and male three-hand.

Charles Walcott, category manager for Banks Holdings Limited, offered some words of encouragement to the local team.



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“The game of dominoes is widely appreciated and valued across the island, so naturally the ‘*Beer of Barbados*’ is pleased to lend its support to such a world-class event, especially one that contributes to the wider cultural and sporting aspects of our country,” he said.

All matches staged during the upcoming World Championships will feature the highly popular Banks Beer-branded dominoes, which are available for purchase at the Visitor Centre at The Brewery in Newton, Christ Church.



CAP. 1 Charles Walcott (standing), category manager for Banks Holdings Limited, enjoying a game of dominoes at a recent tournament at Banks Beer’s brewery in Newton, Christ Church.



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CAP. 2 The impressive trophy display.

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